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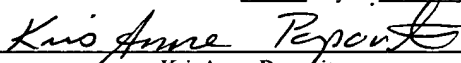
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Appln. No.:	09/487,027	
Filing Date:	January 19, 2000	Examiner: C. R. Harmon
Title:	<b>AN APPARATUS FOR PACKAGING GOODS IN AN OPEN-BOTTOMED CONTAINER AND METHOD FOR DOING THE SAME</b>	Group Art Unit: 3721

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL  
(UNDER 37 CFR 1.116)**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of April 8, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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